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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Mississippi; 110(a)(2)(G) Infrastructure
Requirement for the 1997 and 2006 Fine Particulate Matter National Ambient Air Quality
Standards

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is taking final action to approve the State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision, submitted by the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, on July 26, 2012. This SIP revision was submitted to address Clean Air Act (CAA or Act) section 110(a)(2)(G). Specifically, EPA is approving Mississippi's July 26, 2012, submission addressing section 110(a)(2)(G), of the CAA for both the 1997 and 2006 fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). Section 110(a) of the CAA requires that each state adopt and submit a SIP for the implementation, maintenance, and enforcement of each NAAQS promulgated by the EPA, which is commonly referred to as an "infrastructure" SIP. The subject of this notice is limited to infrastructure element 110(a)(2)(G). All other applicable Mississippi infrastructure elements are being addressed in a separate rulemakings.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This rule will be effective on [insert 30 days after date of publication in the Federal Register].

ADDRESSES: EPA has established a docket for this action under Docket Identification No. EPA-R04-OAR-2012-0238. All documents in the docket are listed on the www.regulations.gov web site. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, i.e., Confidential Business Information or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, is not placed on the Internet and will be publicly available only in hard copy form. Publicly available docket materials are available either electronically through www.regulations.gov or in hard copy at the Regulatory Development Section, Air Planning Branch, Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, 61 Forsyth Street, SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960. EPA requests that if at all possible, you contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section to schedule your inspection. The Regional Office's official hours of business are Monday through Friday, 8:30 to 4:30 excluding federal holidays.

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I. Background

Upon promulgation of a new or revised NAAQS, sections 110(a)(1) and (2) of the CAA require states to address basic SIP requirements, including emissions inventories, monitoring, and modeling to assure attainment and maintenance for that new NAAQS. On July 18, 1997 (62 FR 38652), EPA promulgated a new annual PM_{2.5} NAAQS and on October 17, 2006 (71 FR 61144), EPA promulgated a new 24-hour NAAQS. On July 31, 2012, EPA proposed to approve Mississippi's submission addressing section 110(a)(2)(G). A summary of the background for today's final action is provided below. See EPA's July 31, 2012, proposed rulemaking at 77 FR 45320 for more detail.

Section 110(a) of the CAA requires states to submit SIPs to provide for the implementation, maintenance, and enforcement of a new or revised NAAQS within three years following the promulgation of such NAAQS, or within such shorter period as EPA may prescribe. Section 110(a) imposes the obligation upon states to make a SIP submission to EPA

for a new or revised NAAQS, but the contents of that submission may vary depending upon the facts and circumstances. The data and analytical tools available at the time the state develops and submits the SIP for a new or revised NAAQS affects the content of the submission. The contents of such SIP submissions may also vary depending upon what provisions the state's existing SIP already contains. In the case of the 1997 annual and 2006 24-hour PM_{2.5} NAAQS, states typically have met the basic program elements required in section 110(a)(2) through earlier SIP submissions in connection with previous PM NAAQS.

More specifically, section 110(a)(1) provides the procedural and timing requirements for SIPs. Section 110(a)(2) lists specific elements that states must meet for “infrastructure” SIP requirements related to a newly established or revised NAAQS. As already mentioned, these requirements include SIP infrastructure elements such as modeling, monitoring, and emissions inventories that are designed to assure attainment and maintenance of the NAAQS. However, EPA is only addressing element 110(a)(2)(G) in this action.

II. This Action

EPA is taking final action to approve Mississippi's infrastructure submission as demonstrating that the State meets the applicable requirements of section 110(a)(2)(G) of the CAA for the 1997 annual and 2006 24-hour PM_{2.5} NAAQS. Section 110(a) of the CAA requires that each state adopt and submit a SIP for the implementation, maintenance, and enforcement of each NAAQS promulgated by the EPA, which is commonly referred to as an “infrastructure” SIP. In a draft SIP revision provided to EPA on July 13, 2012, for parallel processing, Mississippi provided public notification of its certification that the Mississippi SIP contains

provisions that ensure the 1997 annual and 2006 24-hour PM_{2.5} NAAQS, as it relates to section 110(a)(2)(G), is implemented, enforced, and maintained in Mississippi.

On July 31, 2012, EPA proposed to approve Mississippi's July 13, 2012, draft SIP revision addressing section 110(a)(2)(G). EPA's July 31, 2012 (77 FR 45320), proposed approval was contingent upon Mississippi providing EPA with a final SIP revision that was not changed significantly from the July 13, 2012, draft SIP revision. Mississippi provided its final SIP revision on July 26, 2012. There were no significant changes made to the final submittal. All other applicable Mississippi infrastructure elements are being addressed in a separate rulemakings.

EPA received one off-topic comment on its July 31, 2012, proposed rulemaking to approve Mississippi's July 13, 2012, draft SIP revision as meeting the section 110(a)(2)(G) requirements of the CAA for the 1997 annual and 2006 24-hour PM_{2.5} NAAQS. The Commenter stated that EPA's PM_{2.5} standard forces expensive mandates on states and industry and the designation process places a strain on local resources and discourages economic growth and EPA should withdraw the PM_{2.5} standard. Also, the Commenter stated that EPA should consider public interest prior to entering into consent decrees.

This comment does not appear to be related to the issues presented in the proposed rulemaking, and instead, appears related to a wholly separate topic - promulgation of the PM NAAQS. Promulgations of NAAQS involve public comment opportunities, and that would be the time to raise concerns specific to a particular NAAQS. Additionally, with regard to Commenter's general statement about consent decrees, although it is not clear to which specific consent decree Commenter is referring, the CAA does provide for opportunities for public input

regarding certain consent decrees.

EPA does not interpret these comments as relevant to the topic of EPA's July 31, 2012, proposed action, which proposed approval of Mississippi's draft SIP revision pertaining to section 110(a)(2)(G) infrastructure requirements for the existing 1997 annual and 2006 24-hour PM_{2.5} NAAQS. Instead, EPA interprets these comments as being off-topic and outside of the scope of today's final rulemaking.

Mississippi's infrastructure submission regarding section 110(a)(2)(G), provided to EPA on July 26, 2012, in final form, addressed the 110(a)(2)(G) requirements for the 1997 annual and 2006 24-hour PM_{2.5} NAAQS. EPA has determined that Mississippi's July 26, 2012, submission is consistent with section 110 of the CAA.

III. Final Action

As already described, Mississippi has addressed section 110(a)(2)(G) requirements pursuant to EPA's October 2, 2007, guidance to ensure that 1997 annual and 2006 24-hour PM_{2.5} NAAQS are implemented, enforced, and maintained in Mississippi. EPA is taking final action to approve Mississippi's July 26, 2012, submission for 1997 annual and 2006 24-hour PM_{2.5} NAAQS because the submission is consistent with section 110 of the CAA. Today's action is not approving any specific rule, but rather making a determination that Mississippi's already approved SIP meets certain CAA requirements.

IV. Statutory and Executive Order Reviews

Under the CAA, the Administrator is required to approve a SIP submission that complies with the provisions of the Act and applicable federal regulations. 42 U.S.C. 7410(k); 40 CFR 52.02(a). Thus, in reviewing SIP submissions, EPA's role is to approve state choices, provided that they meet the criteria of the CAA. Accordingly, this action merely approves state law as meeting federal requirements and does not impose additional requirements beyond those imposed by state law. For that reason, this action:

- is not a "significant regulatory action" subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget under Executive Order 12866 (58 FR 51735, October 4, 1993);
- does not impose an information collection burden under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*);
- is certified as not having a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*);
- does not contain any unfunded mandate or significantly or uniquely affect small governments, as described in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-4);
- does not have Federalism implications as specified in Executive Order 13132 (64 FR 43255, August 10, 1999);
- is not an economically significant regulatory action based on health or safety risks subject to Executive Order 13045 (62 FR 19885, April 23, 1997);
- is not a significant regulatory action subject to Executive Order 13211 (66 FR 28355, May 22, 2001);

- is not subject to requirements of Section 12(d) of the National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act of 1995 (15 U.S.C. 272 note) because application of those requirements would be inconsistent with the CAA; and
- does not provide EPA with the discretionary authority to address, as appropriate, disproportionate human health or environmental effects, using practicable and legally permissible methods, under Executive Order 12898 (59 FR 7629, February 16, 1994).

In addition, this rule does not have tribal implications as specified by Executive Order 13175 (65 FR 67249, November 9, 2000), because the SIP is not approved to apply in Indian country, and EPA notes that it will not impose substantial direct costs on tribal governments or preempt tribal law.

The Congressional Review Act, 5 U.S.C. 801 *et seq.*, as added by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996, generally provides that before a rule may take effect, the agency promulgating the rule must submit a rule report, which includes a copy of the rule, to each House of the Congress and to the Comptroller General of the United States. EPA will submit a report containing this action and other required information to the U.S. Senate, the U.S. House of Representatives, and the Comptroller General of the United States prior to publication of the rule in the Federal Register. A major rule cannot take effect until 60 days after it is published in the Federal Register. This action is not a “major rule” as defined by 5 U.S.C. 804(2).

Under section 307(b)(1) of the CAA, petitions for judicial review of this action must be filed in the United States Court of Appeals for the appropriate circuit by [FEDERAL REGISTER OFFICE: insert date 60 days from date of publication of this document in the Federal Register].

Filing a petition for reconsideration by the Administrator of this final rule does not affect the finality of this action for the purposes of judicial review nor does it extend the time within which a petition for judicial review may be filed, and shall not postpone the effectiveness of such rule or action. This action may not be challenged later in proceedings to enforce its requirements. *See* section 307(b)(2).

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 52

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Incorporation by reference, Intergovernmental relations, Nitrogen dioxide, Particulate Matter, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Volatile organic compounds.

Dated: September 25, 2012.

A. Stanley Meiburg,

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Region 4.

40 CFR part 52 is amended as follows:

PART 52-APPROVAL AND PROMULGATION OF IMPLEMENTATION PLANS

1. The authority citation for part 52 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7401 *et seq.*

Subpart Z—Mississippi

2. Section 52.1270 paragraph (e), is amended by adding a new entry for “110(a)(2)(G)

Infrastructure Requirement for the 1997 and 2006 Fine Particulate Matter National Ambient Air Quality Standards” at the end of the table to read as follows:

§ 52.1270 Identification of plan.

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EPA-Approved Mississippi Non-Regulatory Provisions

| Name of nonregulatory SIP provision | Applicable geographic or nonattainment area | State submittal date/effective date | EPA approval date | Explanation |
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| 110(a)(2)(G) Infrastructure Requirement for the 1997 and 2006 Fine Particulate Matter National Ambient Air Quality Standards | Mississippi | 7/26/2012 | [Insert date of publication in <u>Federal Register</u>] [Insert citation of publication] | |

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